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## INTERVIEW SUMMARY

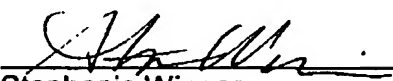
On April 6, 2005, a telephonic interview was held between S. Winner (an agent of record), J. Sheridan (an attorney of record), and the Examiner. A reference found during the Examiner's search, U.S. Patent No. 6,040,837, "Method and Apparatus For Space Variable Texture Filtering," granted to *Wong et al* was discussed.

*Wong* teaches determining a number of samples based on a logarithmic function of a ratio between a first axis derivative and a second axis derivative. The logarithmic function is disclosed in column 4 lines 22-30. In contrast, claim 9 recites the limitation of "computing a logratio value using a major axis length and a minor axis length." The length of the minor and major axis are not equivalent to either the first axis derivative or the second axis derivative disclosed in *Wong*.

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The Examiner explained that he will perform a secondary search and follow up with the Applicant based on the results of that search.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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